THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan is one of the agencies entrusted with the implementation of the Adult Education Programme in the country. It was sanctioned 200 projects comprising 16,000 Adult Education Centres in 1988. The projects were implemented by the Sangathan in phases between October, 1988 and July 1989. All these projects completed their cycle between October, 1989 and February, 1990. The Sangathan was entrusted 300 Adult Education Centres Project each in Medak and East Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh in 1989 which is to complete its cycle by August, 1990. All the projects have been implemented in accordance with the National Literacy Mission norms. There has been some delay in the finalisation of accounts by the Sangathan as this involved collection and compilation of the data from the grass-root level throughout the country. The Sangathan has since submitted the unaudited statement of account.

The proposal for new projects through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan is under the consideration of this Ministry. In this Connection, the Sangathan has been advised to submit the area-specific and time-specific proposals in conformity with the approved strategy of complete eradication of illiteracy from the project area.

Voluntarism and mass mobilisation are two cordinal principles of the National Literacy Mission. Provision of employment to functionaries is not its objective; it is only incidental. Employment of persons in the programme who were earlier associated with it would depend upon their commitment, past performance, the location of the adult education centres and the need for continuance of such Adult Education Centres in a particular area.

Non-Supply of GPF Annual statement to the teachers of Municipal Corporation of Delhi

1439. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual statements of GPF subscriptions made by the teachers in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi are never supplied to them in the year following the year to which the subscriptions relate and these are delayed by two to three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the persons responsible for dereliction of duty in this regard;

(c) the steps taken by the Corporation to ensure timely delivery of correct annual statements of GPF subscriptions to teachers;

(d) whether it is also a fact that timely availability of statements would remove discontentment among the teachers without any financial burden to the Corporation;

(e) whether there is a proposal to entrust responsibility to one senior officer of the Corporation so as to ensure timely preparation and delivery of the GPF statements in future; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Degraded waste land

1440. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 130 million hectares of degraded wasteland are lying without any use;